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CORRECTION ON SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Last week when Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt presented the 2016 State of K-12 Education in Kentucky, he included information from the *Quality Counts 2016* report.

This week, the publisher of *Quality Counts*, the Education Week Research Center, identified an error in the school finance analysis which changes what was originally reported as part of *Quality Counts* and subsequently as part of the *State of K-12 Education in Kentucky Report*.

The resulting corrections are generally minor and do not change the overall grade or ranking of Kentucky. The corrections affected three indicators that are subcomponents of the school finance category results and are outlined below.

Indicator	Originally reported			Corrected report		
	KY Average	National average	Difference	KY Average	National average	Difference
Adjusted Per-Pupil Expenditures – Analysis accounts for regional cost differences.	\$10,407	\$11,667	\$1,260	\$10,562	\$11,841	\$1,279
Students funded at or above the national average – Percent of students in districts with PPE at or above U.S. average.	15.8%	41.5%		13.7%	38.8%	
Spending Index – The per pupil spending levels weighted by the degree to which districts meet or approach the national average for expenditures.	87.4	89.3		87.4	89.2	

Corrections to *Quality Counts* grades, scores, and rankings in summative results and school finance have been made to the affected resources on the *Education Week* [website](#). Additionally, the online [State of K-12 Education in Kentucky Report](#) has been updated, as has the [media release](#).

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